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FROM EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, PNAT. PGOV, MOPS, SF. AO. US
SUBJECT: SAG'S REPLY TO 'SYNTHESIS'

I. (S) ON SHORT NOTICE EVENING JUNE 12. FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA SUMMONED DCM TO RECEIVE SOUTH AFRICA'S RESPONSE TO OUR SYNTHESIS PAPER. (AMBASSADOR WAS UNABLE TO EXTRICATE HIMSELF FROM A CONCURRENT SPEAKING COMMITMENT). ACCOMPANIED BY POLOFF. DCM WAS USHERED INTO PIK'S OFFICE WHERE THE MINISTER HANDED HIM AN 11-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES 'SYNTHESIS' ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CUBANS FROM ANGOLA." PIK SHRUGGED AND SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING MORE TO ADD; THE DOCUMENT STOOD BY ITSELF. HE DECLINED TO VERBALLY SUMMARIZE ITS CONTENTS. LESS THAN A MINUTE AFTER SITTING DOWN. HE STOOD. SMILED AND BADE HIS VISITORS FAREWELL. DFA DIRECTOR GENERAL RAE KILLEN. DFA SOUTH WEST AFRICA OFFICE DIRECTOR DAVE STEWARD AND MINISTERIAL ASSISTANT PIERRE DIETRICHSEN WERE PRESENT.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE BEGINS BY EXPRESSING ITS "DEEP CONCERN" OVER THE "CLEAR DEVIATIONS" IN THE U.S. POSITION ON CUBAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL: IT GIVES NUMEROUS

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR TAGS: PREL, SF. UR. US. WA. XA. XJ SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

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2. SUMMARY: IN SEVEN HOURS OF TALKS, SOVIET DELEGATION LEADER VASEV AND I FRANKLY ASSESSED THE DIPLOMATIC STATE OF PLAY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WHILE CONCEDING NOTHING ON THE SUBSTANCE OF SOVIET POSITIONS. VASEV CAME PREPARED FOR SOME INTERESTING GIVE-AND-TAKE, PARTICULARLY IN A TWO-HOUR ONE-ON-ONE AT THE END OF THE DAY. WHILE UNWILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEGITIMACY OF ANY LINKAGE BETWEEN THE CUBAN TROOP PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AND A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT. VASEV PROVED WILLING TO ENGAGE IN AN EX-CHANGE ON POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL TIMETABLES. THE MEETING PROVIDED A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE OUR CONFIDENCE THAT WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, AND PERHAPS TO REINFORCE SOVIET CONCERNS ABOUT THE DURABILITY OF THEIR POSITION IN THE REGION. ON THIS BASIS, I BELIEVE THE MEETING ACCOMPLI-SHED THE OBJECTIVES WE SET FOR IT. END SUMMARY.